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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CASE NO. 1:14-CR-00163-LJO

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v.

Plaintiff,

SURJIT TOOR,

MEMORANDUM OF PLEA AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 11(c) OF THE FEDERAL RULES

OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

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Defendant.

Hon. Lawrence J. O'Neill Courtroom No. 4

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Pursuant to Rule 11(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal
Procedure, the United States of America, by and through Benjamin
B. Wagner, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District
of California, and Assistant United States Attorney Grant. B.
Rabenn, and Defendant, SURJIT TOOR, and his attorney, Preciliano
Martinez, have agreed as follows.

This document contains the complete Memorandum of Plea
Agreement ("Plea Agreement") between the United States
Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California
("Government") and defendant SURJIT TOOR, regarding this case.

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This Plea Agreement is limited to the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and cannot bind any other federal, state, or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

The defendant acknowledges that he has been charged in a two (2) count indictment as follows:

Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349; and

Mail Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

1. <u>Nature</u>, <u>Elements</u> and <u>Possible</u> Defenses.

The defendant has read the charges against him contained in the indictment, and those charges have been fully explained to him by his attorney. Further, the defendant fully understands the nature and elements of the crimes in Count One of the indictment to which he is pleading guilty, together with the possible defenses thereto, and has discussed them with his attorney.

COUNT ONE:

The elements of the crime of Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud are:

First, beginning no later than in or around February 2012, and ending in or around April 2012, there was an agreement between two or more persons to commit at least one crime as charged in the indictment, to wit: Mail Fraud (the elements of which are set forth below); and

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Second, the defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing of at least one of its objects and intending to help accomplish it.

The elements of Mail Fraud are:

First, the defendant knowingly devised a scheme to defraud, or a scheme for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises;

Second, the statements made or facts omitted as part of the scheme were material, that is, they had a natural tendency to influence, or were capable of influencing, a person to part with money or property;

Third, the defendant acted with the intent to defraud, that is, the intent to deceive or cheat; and

Fourth, the defendant used, or caused to be used, the mails to carry out or attempt to carry out an essential part of the scheme.

2. Agreements by the Defendant.

- (a) Defendant agrees that this plea agreement shall be filed with the court and become a part of the record of the case.
- (b) Defendant agrees to enter a plea of guilty to Count

 One of the indictment which charges him with Conspiracy to

 Commit Mail Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code,

 Section 1349.
 - (c) Defendant understands and agrees that he will not be

allowed to withdraw his plea should the Court fail to follow the government's sentencing recommendations.

- (d) Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives his

 Constitutional and statutory rights to appeal his plea,
 conviction, restitution imposed, forfeiture order and sentence.

 This waiver of appeal includes, but is not limited to, an
 express waiver of defendant's right to appeal his plea,
 conviction, restitution imposed, forfeiture order and sentence
 on any ground, including any appeal right conferred by 18 U.S.C.

 \$ 3742, and defendant further agrees not to contest his plea,
 conviction, restitution imposed, forfeiture order and sentence
 in any post-conviction proceeding, including but not limited to
 a proceeding under 28 U.S.C. \$ 2255, not including any nonwaivable rights.
- (e) Defendant further acknowledges that his plea of guilty is voluntary and that no force, threats, promises or representations have been made to anybody, nor agreement reached, other than those set forth expressly in this agreement, to induce the defendant to plead guilty.
- (f) Defendant agrees that his base offense level for Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud is seven (7) pursuant to Section 2B1.1(a)(1) of the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual ("USSG"); plus six (6) levels for loss more than \$40,000 pursuant to USSG § 2B1.1(b)(1)(D), for a total adjusted offense level of thirteen (13).
- (g) Defendant understands that the Court must consult the Federal Sentencing Guidelines (as promulgated by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, 18

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Defendant agrees that his conduct is governed by the Mandatory Restitution Act pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A and agrees to pay the full amount of restitution as ordered by the

U.S.C. §§ 3551-3742 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 991-998, and as modified by United States v. Booker and United States v. Fanfan, 543 U.S. 220 (2005)), and must take them into account when determining a final sentence. Defendant understands that the Court will determine a non-binding and advisory guideline sentencing range for this case pursuant to the Sentencing Guidelines. Defendant further understands that the Court will consider whether there is a basis for departure from the guideline sentencing range (either above or below the guideline sentencing range) because there exists an aggravating or mitigating circumstance of a kind, or to a degree, not adequately taken into consideration by the Sentencing Commission in formulating the Guidelines. Defendant further understands that the Court, after consultation and consideration of the Sentencing Guidelines, must impose a sentence that is reasonable in light of the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

(h) Defendant agrees to waive all rights under the "Hyde Amendment," Section 617, P.L. 105-119 (Nov. 26, 1997), to recover attorneys' fees or other litigation expenses in connection with the investigation and prosecution of all charges in the above-captioned matter and of any related allegations (including without limitation any charges to be dismissed pursuant to this Agreement and any charges previously dismissed).

Restitution (i)

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court to the victim affected by this offense, as set forth in the factual basis, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(a)(3) as a result of the defendant's conduct for the offense to which the defendant is pleading guilty, to wit: Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud. The defendant agrees to pay restitution in an amount of \$46,979.08 joint and several with co-defendant Raju Toor as a lump sum payment no later than before the time of his sentencing hearing by delivering a check or money order payable to the United States District Court. The defendant agrees that this plea agreement is voidable if the defendant does not make his restitution payment by the time of sentencing as set forth in this section.

disclosure of defendant's assets and financial condition, and will complete the United States Attorney's Office's "Authorization to Release Information" and "Financial Affidavit" within five (5) weeks from the entry of the defendant's change of plea. The defendant also agrees to have the court to enter an order to that effect. The defendant understands that this plea agreement is voidable by the government if the defendant fails to complete and provide the described documentation to the United States Attorney's office within the allotted time. If the defendant makes full restitution payment of \$46,979.08 at the time of sentencing, as set forth above in Paragraph (i), the defendant will not be required to provide the above-described documents to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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Defendant agrees to forfeit to the United States voluntarily and immediately all right, title, and interest to any and all assets seized pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461, and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1). The defendant agrees to a personal forfeiture money judgment in an amount of \$46,979.08, which may be satisfied by a payment of \$46,979.08 at the time of sentencing, as set forth above in Paragraph (i). Further, the defendant agrees that the amount of \$46,979.08 is a reasonable reflection of the amount that the defendant obtained directly or indirectly, as the result of the underlying criminal scheme and the violations of 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461. The defendant agrees to provide the U.S. Attorney's Office with signed waivers related to federal and state income tax returns, and a waiver of the Right to Financial Privacy Act, which includes, but is not limited to, any credit records, communication records, DMV records, educational records, employment records, military records, business records, and credit reports maintained by any consumer credit reporting entity, until such time as the money judgment is satisfied. In this regard, the Defendant agrees to complete and sign a copy of IRS Form 8821 (relating to the voluntary disclosure of federal tax return information), whatever financial information disclosure form which may be required by an agency, as well as this Office's Right to Financial Privacy Act Waiver & Authorization to Release Information form. If the defendant makes full restitution payment of \$46,979.08 at the time of sentencing, as set forth above in Paragraph (i), the defendant will not be required to

MEMORANDUM OF PLEA AGREEMENT

provide the above-described documents to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Defendant agrees to fully assist the government in the forfeiture of any seized assets or assets later determined to be forfeitable and to take whatever steps are necessary to pass clear title to the United States. Defendant shall not sell, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of any assets found to be connected to the criminal events charged in the Indictment.

The defendant waives the notice provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 7(c) and 32.2(a), waives oral pronouncement of forfeiture at the time of sentencing and any defects in such pronouncement that pertain to forfeiture, and waives any defenses to forfeiture, including any defense predicated on the Ex Post Facto, Double Jeopardy, and Excessive Fines Clauses of the United States Constitution. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives any right to jury trial in any criminal or civil forfeiture proceeding.

(1) If the defendant's conviction on the count to which he is pleading is ever vacated at the defendant's request, or his sentence is ever reduced at his request, the government shall have the right to: (1) prosecute the defendant on any of the counts to which he pleaded guilty; (2) reinstate any counts that may be dismissed under this agreement; and (3) file any new charges that would otherwise be barred by this agreement. The decision to pursue any or all of these options is solely in the discretion of the United States Attorney's Office. By signing this agreement, the defendant agrees to waive any objections,

motions, and defenses he might have to the government's decision, including Double Jeopardy. In particular, he agrees not to raise any objections based on the passage of time with respect to such counts including, without limitation, any statutes of limitation or any objections based on the Speedy Trial Act or the Speedy Trial Clause of the Sixth Amendment.

If it is determined that the defendant has violated any provision of this Agreement or if the defendant successfully moves to withdraw his plea: (1) all statements made by the defendant to the government or other designated law enforcement agents, or any testimony given by the defendant before a grand jury or other tribunal, whether before or after his Agreement, shall be admissible in evidence in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceedings hereafter brought against the defendant; and (2) the defendant shall assert no claim under the United Sates Constitution, any statute, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, or any other federal rule, that statements made by the defendant before or after this Agreement, or any leads derived therefrom, should be suppressed. By signing this Agreement, the defendant waives any and all rights in the foregoing respects.

- (m) Defendant acknowledges and understands that the plea offer made to him here by the government is a "package offer"; that is:
 - A. The defendant understands that the offer made to him is conditioned on co-defendant Raju Toor pleading

guilty according to the terms of his respective offer for a deferred prosecution agreement. The defendant understands that if this co-defendant declines, refuses or fails to enter into his proposed deferred prosecution agreement, then, at the option of the government, the defendant will not be allowed to enter a plea of guilty to the offer made to him by the government. However, if co-defendant Raju Toor fails or refuses to enter into his respective agreement with the government and the defendant has already entered his plea, then the government, in its sole discretion, has the ability to withdraw from the plea agreement with the defendant and pursue the original charges as to this defendant; and

- B. Recognizing that this is a package offer, the defendant also confirms that he has not been threatened or coerced by any other person, including the co-defendant, and enters this agreement of his own volition.
- 3. Agreements by the Government.
- (a) The government will recommend a two-level reduction (if the offense level is less than 16) or a three-level reduction (if the offense level reaches 16) in the computation of his offense level if the defendant clearly demonstrates acceptance of responsibility for his conduct as defined in Section 3E1.1 of the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual.
- (b) The government agrees that his base offense level for Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud is seven (7) pursuant to Section

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2B1.1(a)(1) of the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual ("USSG"); plus six (6) levels for loss more than \$40,000 pursuant to USSG § 2B1.1(b)(1)(D), for a total adjusted offense level of thirteen (13).

- (c) The government agrees to recommend that if the defendant's guideline range, after all adjustments, falls within:
- i. Zone A of the Sentencing Table, the government will recommend that the defendant be sentenced to three (3) years of probation;
- ii. Zone B of the Sentencing Table, then the government will recommend that the defendant be sentenced to three (3) years of probation with a condition of probation that the defendant serve the minimum term of the guideline range home detention, paid for by the defendant;
- iii. Zone C of the Sentencing Table, then the government will recommend that the defendant be sentenced to imprisonment for half of defendant's minimum term with a term of supervised release which includes the remainder of the minimum term served in home detention, to be paid by the defendant; or
- iv. Zone D of the Sentencing Table, the government will recommend that the defendant be sentenced to imprisonment at the low end of the applicable guideline range.
- (d) The defendant understands that if the defendant violates any of his conditions of pre-trial release the government may, in addition to the agreements set forth above and irrespective of its agreement in paragraph 4(c), request imprisonment for his violation of any pre-trial conditions.

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The defendant acknowledges and understands that the government makes no other representations to him regarding fines, whether any other specific offense characteristics apply to his conduct, the restitution owed, his criminal history or criminal history points under Chapter Four or whether additional enhancements or reductions under Chapter Three or Five of the United States Sentencing Guidelines apply and defendant understands that the government is free to comment and to make recommendations to the court and the probation office regarding those matters.

(f) The government agrees to dismiss Count Two of the indictment at the time of sentencing.

4. Factual Basis.

Defendant will plead quilty because he is in fact quilty of the crimes set forth in Count One of the indictment. Defendant also agrees that the following are the facts of this case, although he acknowledges that, as to other facts, the parties may disagree:

> Beginning no later than February 2012, and continuing through in or around April 2012, the defendant, SURJIT TOOR, knowingly conspired with co-defendant Raju Toor to execute a scheme to defraud Foster Farms by obtaining payment on fraudulent purchase orders and fraudulent invoices for two construction projects that were never performed, and to obtain money and property from Foster Farms, a business located in Livingston, California, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, and to cause the United States mail and private and commercial carriers to be used in the execution of the scheme to defraud.

> The defendant was a maintenance manager at Foster Farms and was responsible for selecting third

party vendors to perform such work at Foster Farms' Plant in Livingston, California. After selecting the vendor, the defendant would cause Foster Farms to send the vendor a purchase order, which included a brief description of the work to be performed by the vendor and the estimated cost of the project. Under Foster Farms' procedures and policies, if the work were then performed by the vendor, the vendor would send Foster Farms an invoice, which would include the total cost of the work performed and a request for payment.

The defendant was then supposed to verify if (1) the work was completed within the parameters of the purchase order and (2) the requested reimbursement was accurate. The defendant was supposed to approve payment only if he could verify these two items. Upon such verification, the invoice would be sent to Foster Farms' accounts payable department, which would then process the invoice and issue a check payable to the vendor in the amount set forth in the invoice. Checks issued by Foster Farms would be sent via United States mail to the vendor.

Co-defendant Raju Toor, the defendant's son, owned and controlled Mid State Mechanical ("Mid State"). The defendant conspired with Raju toor to assign two constructions projects, one for a catwalk project and one for an ammonia vessel, to Mid State for work that Mid State did not perform, and to cause Foster Farms to pay Mid State for purported work on those two projects.

The Catwalk Project

The catwalk project involved construction of a 110-foot bridge above a section of the Livingston Plant's poultry processing area. The catwalk was built by Foster Farms' in-house maintenance team and was completed in or around January 2012. Neither co-defendant Raju Toor nor Mid State performed any work on this project. As of in or around February 2012, the defendant and Raju Toor were aware that the project had been built by the in-house maintenance team.

On or about February 22, 2012, after the catwalk project had been completed, the defendant caused Foster Farms to send Purchase Order 5400855130 to Mid State, which requested that Mid State construct the catwalk. On or about February 22, 2012, co-defendant Raju Toor, doing business as Mid State, caused Invoice Number 1142 to be sent to Foster Farms, requesting payment of \$20,394.08 for work purportedly performed by Mid State on

the catwalk project. On or about February 27, 2012, Foster Farms received Invoice Number 1142 from Raju Toor, doing business as Mid State.

In or around February and March 2012, Foster Farms' accounts payable personnel processed Invoice Number 1142 and the defendant approved payment of \$20,394.08 to Mid State. As a result of the defendant approving this payment, Foster Farms' accounts payable department issued, via U.S. Mail, Check Number 712903 to co-defendant Raju Toor, doing business as Mid State, in an amount of \$78,566.57 in or around March 2012. The check was dated March 22, 2012, and included payments for other Mid State invoices, included the invoice for an ammonia vessel project.

Co-defendant Raju Toor received Check Number 712903 on or about March 30, 2012. He deposited it into a Mid State bank account and then caused most of the proceeds of the check to be transferred to an account held by the defendant.

The Ammonia Vessel Project

The ammonia vessel project involved the modification of a large metal tank that was designed to hold ammonia, which was part of the Livingston Plant's refrigeration system. Codefendant Raju Toor and Mid State did not perform any work on the ammonia vessel, and the defendant was aware that they had not performed such work.

On or about February 22, 2012, the defendant caused Foster Farms to send Purchase Order Number 4500855129 to Mid State for work involving modification of the ammonia vessel. In or around February 2012, co-defendant Raju Toor, doing business as Mid State, caused Invoice Number 1143 to be sent to Foster Farms, requesting payment of \$26,585.00 for work purportedly performed on the ammonia vessel. Co-defendant Raju Toor knew when he sent the invoice that he and Mid State had not done any work on the ammonia vessel project.

On or about February 27, 2012, Foster Farms received Invoice Number 1143. In or around February or March 2012, Foster Farms' accounts payable personnel processed Invoice Number 1143 in Foster Farms' automated accounts payable system. In or around February or March 2012, the defendant approved a payment of \$26,585.00 to Mid State pursuant to Invoice Number 1143, knowing that co-defendant Raju Toor and Mid State had not carried out the worked billed to Invoice Number 1143.

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In or around March 2012, the defendant caused Foster Farms' accounts payable department to issue and send Check Number 712903, payable to co-defendant Raju Toor, doing business as Mid State, in the amount of \$78,566.57, via United States mail. Check Number 712903 also included payment for the work purportedly performed by co-defendant Raju Toor and Mid State on the catwalk project.

After receiving Check Number 712903 from Foster Farms, co-defendant Raju Toor, on or about March 30, 2012, deposited the check into a Mid State bank account. Co-defendant Raju Toor, on or about April 9, 2012, then wrote a check for \$78,000 to the defendant. The check was funded by the proceeds of Check Number 712903. On or about April 9, 2012, the defendant negotiated a check for \$78,000 and had the funds deposited into one of his bank accounts.

As a result of the fraud committed by the defendant and co-defendant Raju Toor, Foster Farms incurred a loss of at least \$46,979.08.

5. Potential Sentence.

The following is the maximum potential sentence which defendant faces as to Count One:

(a) Imprisonment.

Maximum: 20 years.

(b) Fine.

Maximum: \$250,000.00.

- (c) Both such fine and imprisonment.
- (d) Restitution: Mandatory
- (e) Term of Supervised Release:

Maximum: 3 years.

(Should the defendant violate any of the terms of his supervised release, he can be returned to prison for the period of supervised release actually imposed by the Court or 2 years, whichever is less.)

(f) Penalty Assessment.

Mandatory: One Hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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Waiver of Rights.

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Defendant understands that by pleading guilty he surrenders certain rights, including the following:

- If defendant persisted in a plea of not guilty to the charges against him, he would have the right to be represented by an attorney at all stages of the proceedings, and would have a right to a public and speedy trial. The trial could be either a jury trial or a trial by a judge sitting without a jury. Defendant has a right to a jury trial. However, in order that the trial be conducted by the judge sitting without a jury, defendant, the government and the judge all must agree that the trial be conducted by the judge without a jury.
- If the trial were a jury trial, the jury would be composed of twelve lay persons selected at random. Defendant and his attorney would have a say in who the jurors would be by removing prospective jurors for cause where actual bias or other disqualification is shown, or without cause by exercising peremptory challenges. The jury would have to agree unanimously before it could return a verdict of either guilty or not guilty. The jury would be instructed that defendant is presumed innocent and that it could not convict him unless, after hearing all the evidence, it was persuaded of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
- If the trial were held before a judge without a jury, the judge would find the facts and determine, after hearing all the evidence, whether or not he was persuaded of the defendant's

guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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- (d) At a trial, whether by a jury or a judge, the government would be required to present its witnesses and other evidence against defendant. Defendant would be able to confront those government witnesses and his attorney would be able to cross-examine them. In turn, defendant could present witnesses and other evidence on his own behalf. If the witnesses for defendant would not appear voluntarily, he could require their attendance through the subpoena power of the Court. At trial, the defendant would also have the right to assistance of legal counsel. If he could not afford legal counsel, one would be appointed for him by the court at no expense to him.
- (e) At a trial, defendant would have a privilege against self-incrimination so that he could decline to testify, and no inference of guilt could be drawn from this refusal to testify.

Defendant understands that by pleading guilty he is waiving all of the rights set forth above and defendant's attorney has explained those rights to him and the consequences of his waiver of those rights.

Questions by Court.

Defendant understands that if the court questions him under oath, on the record and in the presence of counsel, about the offense to which he has pleaded guilty, his answers, if false, may later be used against him in a prosecution for perjury.

8. Entire Agreement.

This plea of guilty is freely and voluntarily made and not the result of force or threats or of promises apart from those

set forth in this plea agreement. There have been no representations or promises from anyone as to what sentence this Court will impose.

9. Court not a Party.

It is understood by the parties that the sentencing court is neither a party to nor bound by this agreement and the sentencing judge is free to impose the maximum penalties as set forth in paragraph 6. Further, in making its sentencing decision, the Court may take into consideration any and all facts and circumstances concerning the criminal activities of defendant, including activities which may not have been charged in the indictment.

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10. Presentence Report.

Defendant understands that the United States Probation
Office is not a party to this agreement and will conduct an independent investigation of defendant's activities and his background. It will then prepare a presentence report which it will submit to the Court as its independent sentencing recommendation. In addition, the government will fully apprise the Probation Office, as well as the Court, of the full and true nature, scope and extent of the defendant's criminal activities, including information on his background and criminal history.

Dated: /// //6

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